

Q1) We are a concrete pipe manufacturer; can we apply for a grant to crush the materials for recycling and is there a website so we can possibly find a home for the crushed concrete?

Yes. You are eligible to apply under either the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grant program or the Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant program. Please contact us for any more guidance at NDEQ.Wastegrants@Nebraska.gov.

You may want to contact your local municipality or county to see if they are interested in your product.

Q2) Is the date set for when the grants will be opened? We are looking at a grant for purchasing crumb tire material and also another grant for concrete crushing.

The grant application round opened on August 13, and will close September 10, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. CST. Please contact us at NDEQ.Wastegrants@Nebraska.gov for more assistance.

Q3) Could you please list which grants Tribes would be eligible to apply for?

Tribes in Nebraska are eligible to apply for funding under the following programs:

All Litter categories: (Public Education, Cleanup, and Recycling)

Waste: Business Fee

Scrap Tires: Partial reimbursement of tire-derived products and/or crumb rubber, scrap tire capital and equipment grants, and Cost-Sharing for Scrap Tire Civil Engineering Uses.

Q4) Are nonprofits eligible for funding? I didn't see them listed in the "who can apply" section of the respective slide?

Nonprofits are eligible for all programs with the exception of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive grant Disposal Fee category, the Deconstruction of Abandoned Buildings category, and Scrap Tire Collection Site Cleanups for Political Subdivisions.

Q5) We have a battery recycling program. Which is the best grant to apply for to help cover the costs of shipping the batteries to the recycler along with education materials about it?

You can apply to either the Litter Reduction and Recycling grant program (Recycling category), or the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive grant program under the Business Fee. If you are a political subdivision, you can also apply under the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive grant program under the Disposal Fee. Please contact us at NDEQ.Wastegrants@Nebraska.gov for further assistance.

Q6) I'd like to have a Styrofoam shredder machine in our town. Which grant might help with that?

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Q7) Besides deconstruction, what other projects could be under the Waste Reduction & Recycling Incentive Grant?

Here is a list of some of the types of projects that can be funded under the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive grant program:

- Recycling systems and equipment – Equipment used in integrated solid waste programs and projects, such as balers, shredders, densifiers, and trucks/trailers to collect recyclables
- Food and yard waste composting – brush chippers, tub grinders, compost turners, and compost screens
- Household hazardous waste, electronic waste, and pharmaceutical collection events
- School chemical cleanouts
- Market development for recycled materials
- Deconstruction of abandoned buildings (available to cities or counties with a population of 5,000 or less)

Scrap Tire Grants are also a part of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grant program. Projects that can be funded under this category are:

- 50% reimbursement of crumb rubber for rubber modified asphalt, manufacturing, landscaping or playground mulch
- 25% reimbursement of mats or tiles for playgrounds, poured-in-place playground surfaces, athletic tracks, and artificial turf football, soccer, and baseball fields
- 100% reimbursement of the cost of scrap tire cleanup events (political subdivisions, only)
- 50% reimbursement of capital costs for processing, manufacturing, collection, and transporting scrap tires
- Cost-sharing for civil engineering uses (\$20/ton)

Q8) Will you fund research projects to see the feasibility of a waste material for use in another industry?

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Q9) We are a 501c3 organization identifying grant opportunities for our playground surfacing. Is there a list of preferred vendors who can sell the required materials to meet the conditions of the scrap tire grant?

Yes, we have a list of vendors that have certified in the past that their products are made from recycled tires from Nebraska. To obtain a list, please send your contact information to: NDEQ.Wastegrants@Nebraska.gov.

Q10) We would like to shred our wood pallets and recycle them. Would this be eligible for a private entity to apply for? We would need to find someone to recycle the material as well.

Grant funding may be available. Please contact our staff at NDEQ.Wastegrants@Nebraska.gov for assistance.

Q11) Do these grants cover reimbursement of already completed projects?

Only under the Scrap Tire Partial Reimbursement of Tire-Derived Products and/or Crumb the Scrap Tire grants program, the Illegal Dumpsite Cleanup Program, and the Landfill Fee Rebate Program allow for reimbursement of projects that are already done at the time of application. All other grant projects must incur expenditures during the grant term. Please contact our staff at NDEQ.Wastegrants@nebraska.gov for assistance.

Q12) For the Litter Reduction & Recycling Grant Program (public education), can we use "potential" NET funding (which times up with the LRR grant program) for the match - even though the NET funding is not a certainty? And if we don't receive the NET funding, we just use our own cash-match funding. Is this acceptable?

Yes. Please contact our staff at NDEQ.Wastegrants@nebraska.gov for further clarification as needed.

Q13) Are the presentation slides available for print or reference?

Yes- they are now available on our website. <http://dee.ne.gov/> type **video events** into the search bar.

Q14) Sorry if already addressed but what grant best to apply for a trommel screen?

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Q15) I am from the Nebraska Pharmacist Association, I was wondering if Nebraska MEDS Coalition that conducts the medication take-back program would qualify for the education grant? We would like to branch out to education opportunities in schools. How would we apply?

You can apply to either the Litter Reduction and Recycling grant program (Public Education category), or the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive grant program under the Business Fee. Please contact us at NDEQ.Wastegrants@Nebraska.gov for further assistance.

Q16) Can you repeat the grant period Jan 1 to?

If awarded, the grant term would be January 1 to December 31.

Q17) Can you clarify the timing of the bids?

If you are applying for a 2021 grant, written bids/price quotes should be dated no older than one year from the date of grant application submission.

Q18) Will multiple emails from an agency for communications with the award announcement and reporting be allowed in the application system?

At this time we do not have the capability to send grant emails to multiple parties at a grantee's location.

Q19) We are a non-profit that generally hosts events centered around education of recycling and waste reduction. Eligible? If so, which?

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Q20) Do the three bids have to be for the same item, such as a piece of equipment?

Three comparable, dated (no older than one year from the date of grant application submission), written cost estimates/bids from different vendors for equipment, contractual services, or purchases of similar supply (including promotional) items costing \$2,000 or more, must be submitted with the grant application.

Q21) For the current 2020 grant year, please explain the steps for asking for a grant extension or declining funds unable to be used due to COVID.

When requesting a grant extension due to the impact of Covid-19, please send a written request, along with a revised timeline for your grant project. A request for extension must be received before the end of the grant term. A grant extension is available for a maximum of one year. If you choose to decline the grant, please send a written statement to our Department.

Q22) What are the schedules of the other grant programs?

Grant terms for our Waste, Litter, and Scrap Tire grants are January 1 through December 31. Applications are generally accepted from the beginning of July to mid-August. The exception is the Illegal Dumpsite Cleanup Program and the Landfill Fee Rebate Program. Both of these programs accept applications throughout the year.

Q23) I am with Village of Waterloo NE. What grant should I apply for to get a tree chipper?

You can apply to either the Litter Reduction and Recycling grant program (Recycling category), or the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive grant program under the Business Fee. Because you are a political subdivision, you can also apply under the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive grant program under the Disposal Fee. Please contact us at NDEQ.Wastegrants@Nebraska.gov for further assistance.

Q24) Vendors don't like to cross sales territories, how do you recommend getting the needed 3 bids for similar equipment if no other dealers available or don't want to submit a bid?

Please see our grant application guidance document for detailed information in this situation. Here is a link: <http://deq.ne.gov/publica.nsf/pages/WAS075> We will accept a written, dated "decline to bid" statement from a vendor to count toward the three bid/cost estimate requirement. Please contact us at NDEQ.WasteGrants@nebraska.gov for more assistance.

Q25) Can you submit the same project for more than one grant at the same time?

Please submit one grant application to our Department for one project. If you have multiple projects, it would be appropriate to submit a separate application for each project. Please note, you cannot use one NDEE grant as a match to another. Please contact us at ndeq.wastegrants@nebraska.gov for more assistance.

Q26) Can you please share the presentation?

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